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SUBJ: IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI SCHEDULED TO VISIT
NEW DELHI

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS OF DECEMBER 4 THAT FONMIN ABBAS ALI KHALATBARI WILL MAKE OFFICIAL FIVE-DAY VISIT TO INDIA BEGINNING DECEMBER 9, RETURNING VISIT OF INDIAN FONMIN SWARAN SINGH TO TEHRAN LAST JULY (REF A). PRESS SEES VISIT AS GESTURE TOWARDS FURTHER DEVELOPING UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES DURING SINGH'S VISIT, WHEN THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THEIR INTERESTS DID NOT CONFLICT AND THAT JOINT EFFORTS COULD CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND SECURITY OF REGION AND ASIA AS A WHOLE.

2. MFA DEPUTY MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, JAFFAR NADIM, WHO WILL ACCOMPANY KHALATBARI, TOLD DCM DECEMBER 3 THAT SWARAN SINGH VISIT HAD REDUCED MISUNDERSTANDING AND MISCONCEPTIONS BETWEEN IRAN AND INDIA. NADIM EXPECTED INDIA TO MAKE A STRONG PITCH RE ASSURING SUPPLIES OF IRANIAN OIL TO INDIA.

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3. COMMENT: IN SPITE OF OCCASIONAL SETBACKS IN THE PAST AND LIKELY

SETBACKS IN THE FUTURE, INDO-IRANIAN RELATIONS SEEM TO BE ON THE
UPSWING WITH THE TWO SIDES MORE AND MORE TALKING DIRECTLY TO EACH
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